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It was a shock to hear the settlement proposed by the DOJ in the sense that no significant retribution was handed out to Microsoft in addition to a lax control on future business practices. Microsoft has shown time again that it has no regards to anybody, consumers, competitors, the government and the law of the land. Even as it was going through the legal problems, it continued to do the very things that necessitated the suit in the first place. It seems anything is good as long as it will increase the profit of Microsoft. Whether it is lies and FUD against competitors, irrespective of how little they are, relentless draining of consumer's income because they have very little choice.

In the past several years, the average price of computers went from about \$2,000.00 to \$900.00. This was because of the competition that Advanced Micro Devices was able to build against Intel. If anyone else could build the same competition in the software arena against Microsoft, the average price will drop further down, where the majority of the populace can afford a decent computer. As a matter of fact Microsoft is the only one that has increased the price of the computer's operating system - Window's XP.

What may happen eventually is that we will all be charged if we don't use MSN as our ISP. What right do we have to run Windows and not use the ISP of the company that put Window's on your desk top. I am sure they are working on this through the "Passport" or by eliminating all other ISP choices. It worked with Word Processor and the Spreadsheet, after all.

Sincerely
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